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SUBJECT: LEBANON: SECURITY COUNCIL APPROVES MANDATE FOR

UN FORCE IN LEBANON

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: AFTER DAY-LONG CONSULTATIONS, THE
SECURITY COUNCIL LATE MARCH 19 APPROVED THE SECRETARY
GENERAL'S REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 425 AND DECIDED ON A SIX-MONTH MANDATE FOR THE UN FORCE IN LEBANON (UNIFIL). THE VOTE WAS 12 IN FAVOR, NONE AGAINST, 2 ABSTENTIONS (USSR AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA), AND CHINA NOT PARTICIPATING. CHINA, THE USSR, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, KUWAIT, THE US AND CANADA MADE VOTE EXPLANATIONS, AND LEBANON AND THE UK EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE COUNCIL'S RAPID ACTION. SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM CONCLUDED WITH A STATEMENT OF ACTIONS HE IS UNDERTAKING. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER DAY-LONG CONSULTATIONS ON THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S DRAFT REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 425, ADOPTED EARLIER IN THE DAY, THE SECURITY COUNCIL MET LATE IN THE EVENING OF MARCH 19 TO ADOPT A UK-SPONSORED RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT AND DECIDING THAT THE UN INTERIM FORCE IN LEBANON SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR AN INITIAL PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS. (RESOLUTION FOLLOWS UNEF PATTERN EXACTLY. SEE FINAL PARAGRAPH FOR FULL TEXT.) THE VOTE WAS 12 IN FAVOR, NONE AGAINST, 2 ABSTENTIONS (USSR AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA), AND CHINA NOT PARTICIPATING.

3. CHINA (LAI) REFERRED TO ITS STATEMENT AT THE MID-DAY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL AND NOTED THAT, BASED ON ITS CONSISTENT POSITION ON UN PEACEKEEPING FORCES, IT WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE VOTE. CHINA ALSO UNCLASSIFIED

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STATED THAT IT WILL NOT BEAR ANY COSTS OF THE UN FORCE IN LEBANON.

4. USSR (TROYANOVSKY) REFERRED TO ITS EARLIER STATEMENT ON RESOLUTION 425 AND NOTED THAT THE USSR HAS CERTAIN RESERVATIONS ON SOME OF THE PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT. DESPITE THIS HE SAID THAT IN LIGHT OF LEBANON'S REQUEST FOR THE COUNCIL'S ACTION, THE USSR WOULD NOT IMPEDE THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION AND WOULD ABSTAIN. TROYANOVSKY STATED HIS ASSUMPTION THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WOULD NOT DEPART FROM CUSTOM IN CONSULTING THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON SPECIFIC MATTERS RELATING TO THE FORCE, SUCH AS ITS COMPOSITION. TROYANOVSKY STRESSED THAT THE COST OF THE PEACEKEEPING OPERATION SHOULD BE DEFRAID BY THE "AGGRESSOR" -- ISRAEL.

5. AFTER THE VOTE KUWAIT (BISHARA) APPLAUDED THE COUNCIL'S ACTION. HE NOTED THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE UN FORCE WOULD ENCOURAGE AN EARLY RESTORATION OF LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY AND THAT THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT COULD REQUEST THE REMOVAL OF THE UN FORCE AT

ANY TIME.

6. US AMB LEONARD, IMPLICITLY TAKING ISSUE WITH THE SOVIET AND CHINESE REFUSAL TO BEAR ANY OF THE COSTS OF THE OPERATION, POINTED OUT THAT THE SYG'S REPORT APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL EXPLICITLY PROVIDES THAT THE COSTS OF THE FORCE SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS EXPENSES OF THE ORGANIZATION TO BE BORNE BY MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 17(2) OF THE CHARTER (I.E., AS APPORTIONED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.) LEONARD NOTED THAT BY ITS ACTION "THIS COUNCIL HAS TODAY DEMONSTRATED THAT IT CAN ACT EFFECTIVELY AND RAPIDLY TO FULFILL ITS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE." HE ANNOUNCED THAT THE US, IF REQUESTED BY THE SYG, "IS UNCLASSIFIED

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PREPARED TO ASSIST IN AIRLIFTING NATIONAL CONTINGENTS TO THE AREA OF CONFLICT SO THAT THEY CAN BE INTRODUCED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE." (SEE SEPTTEL FOR FULL TEXT.)

7. LEBANON (TUENI) EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE

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COUNCIL'S SWIFT ACTION AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT
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FOR LEBANON "INDEPENDENCE IS MORE THAN AN EMPTY WORD."

8. COUNCIL PRESIDENT RICHARD, SPEAKING AS THE UK REPRESENTATIVE, WAS ALSO PLEASED AT THE SPEED OF THE SC'S ACTION. HE EXPRESSED THE EXPECTATION THAT THE RESOLUTION WOULD BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED BY ALL PARTIES AND THAT ALL PARTIES WOULD COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THE COMMANDER OF THE UN FORCE.

9. SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM NOTED THAT HE WOULD INSTRUCT GENERAL SIILASVUO, COORDINATOR OF UN PEACEKEEPING MISSIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, TO INITIATE MEETINGS IMMEDIATELY ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UN AREA OF OPERATION. WALDHEIM SAID HE HAD INSTRUCTED GENERAL ERSKINE TO DEPLOY UNTSO OBSERVERS TO VERIFY THE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES. AN AUSTRIAN COMPANY IN UNDOF AND A SWEDISH COMPANY IN UNEF, HE EXPLAINED, WOULD SERVE AS AN ADVANCE GUARD OF UNIFIL. HE POINTED OUT THE COMPLEXITY OF THE TASK CONFRONTING THE FORCE, WHICH WOULD HAVE TO ENSURE THE PEACEFUL CHARACTER OF THE AREA OF OPERATION AND CONTROL MOVEMENT INTO AND OUT OF THAT AREA. IT WOULD HAVE TO COOPERATE WITH LEBANESE AUTHORITIES, INCLUDING ARMY AND POLICE, TO RESTORE LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY. WALDHEIM OBSERVED THAT SOME MATTERS, SUCH AS THE MODALITIES OF ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL, WOULD HAVE TO BE CLARIFIED THROUGH CONTACTS BOTH AT UN HEADQUARTERS AND IN THE AREA. HE APPEALED FOR THE FULL COOPERATION OF ALL CONCERNED

AND FOR THE FULL AND CONSTANT SUPPORT OF THE SECURITY
COUNCIL ITSELF.

10. FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE UK RESOLUTION
(UNSC RESOLUTION 426). BEGIN TEXT:
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THE SECURITY COUNCIL,

1. APPROVES THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 425 (1978)
CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT S/12611 DATED 19 MARCH 1978;

2. DECIDES THAT THE FORCE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE-MENTIONED REPORT FOR AN
INITIAL PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS, AND THAT IT SHALL
CONTINUE IN OPERATION THEREAFTER, IF REQUIRED,
PROVIDED THE SECURITY COUNCIL SO DECIDES. END TEXT.
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